

Dominion Fortifications.

Sir George Cartier informed the Canadian Parliament on the 24th ult, that nothing is to be done for the present in the matter of constructing fortifications for the defense of the Dominion, and that if the Ministry determined, during the recess, to proceed with the work, they would seek the sanction of Parliament at its next session. It will be within the recollection of the reader that during the Confederation negotiations it was stipulated that a large expenditure was to be made in constructing fortifications at Montreal and elsewhere. That duty was assumed by the Canadian Government chiefly. It was understood, at the instance of the Imperial Government, the latter guaranteeing the loan, and for which an act was passed at the last session of the British Parliament. We are glad the Dominion Government has resolved to proceed with caution in this matter, and for two reasons. The Franco-Prussian war has shaken it, indeed, it has not completely knocked over existing theories as to fortifications, and it is well that, if Canada must have fortifications, she should profit by experience acquired in the late war. The utility of such an expenditure to a country like Canada is open to question; but if she must have fortifications, either as a necessary national means of defence, or in order to keep faith with the Home Government, let her by all means adopt the most modern improvements. But there is another and, perhaps, more selfish ground upon which we are glad to see the Canadian Government pausing in this matter. As a Province of the Dominion, British Columbia will be entitled to share at once in the expenditure and in the increased security which it is presumed to afford. Assuming that San Juan will fall to us, we shall want fortifications upon that island and probably at one or two other points, and it would be very unfair, indeed, that the Pacific Province should be excluded from the general scheme. This is one of those subjects which must be early urged upon the attention of the Dominion Government.

The Ontario Elections.

We are disposed to regard with entire distrust the proposition that the late Ontario elections have resulted in giving the Opposition a majority in the new House. We find in the Toronto Leader, a paper that will be admitted to be good authority, a very complete and evidently carefully compiled analysis of the results of the elections, from which the following facts appear:—The Government have lost eleven constituencies and gained five. Here is a loss of six votes to the Government; but it is asserted that notwithstanding this, the Government will meet the House with a larger following than it had in the winter of 1867. There are no fewer than thirty-three new members in the new Legislature. Assuming Algoma, the only county not heard from, to send a Ministerialist, a thing that would appear to be scarcely doubtful, the Leader finds among the members elected 45 Ministerialists, 35 Oppositionists and 2 Independents. If we leave the so-called Independents on one side, the Government would have a majority of ten. Or if we give the Opposition the two Independents, the Government would still have a majority of eight, precisely the majority they had on test votes in the first session, in 1867. And as in 1867 they started with a majority of eight and finished with a majority of fifteen, so it will not be unreasonable to assume that they will gain additional strength in the new House. While these figures indicate the severe tension with which party lines are drawn in Ontario, there is really little in them to discourage the present administration, certainly nothing to justify Radical jubilation.

Immigration.

(From the Toronto "Telegraph.")

In another column will be found an article from the British Colonist, of Victoria, on the subject of Immigration, and a Railway to the Pacific through our own territories. It will be seen that Mr. George Laidlaw's scheme of immigration is considered a most effective means of accomplishing the ends sought—except as applicable to the West of the Rocky Mountain portion of the route. It will also be seen that there is no desire to make permanent settlers of the Chinese, a feeling which is quite natural when it is remembered that a small stream of Chinese would soon swamp the Anglo-Saxon population of British Columbia. Nevertheless, it may prove necessary from an economic point of view to employ Chinese labor in building the Dominion Pacific Railway, while it is unquestionably advisable, nay, imperative on the Governments of Great Britain and Canada to assist to British Columbia 5000 or 10,000 Britons to strengthen the British element in the population of that colony. No better plan than that proposed by Mr. G. Laidlaw has yet been presented for the consideration of the public.

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